

**Remarks**

Support for amendments to the claims can be found in the specification as follows.

Independent claims 1, 15, and 30 have been amended to recite that the antisense oligomer is a morpholino oligomer, as recited, for example, in original claims 4, 17 and 31. Support for the term "able to stably hybridize" is found in the specification at, for example, page 8, lines 12-21; the paragraph bridging pages 11-12; page 12, line 15; page 17, line 5; and page 23, lines 24-25. Support for the linkage description is found at page 9, lines 18-19; support for the uncharged:charged ratio is found at page 17, lines 32-33.

Support for the bacterial species in claims 4, 17 and 31 is found in the specification at pages 5-6 and 18-23.

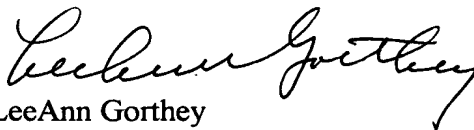
Support for the structure described in claims 5, 18 and 32 is found in the specification at page 4, lines 24-26.

Support for the description of charged linkages in claims 6 and 19 is found in the specification at page 17, lines 33-35.

Support for the preferred length of the region of complementarity in claims 8 and 22 is found in the specification at page 11, lines 22-23.

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested. No new matter is added by any of the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,



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